

# **Corbin ATC Makes Programs Fun for Summer Career Campers June 22-24, 2005**



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**“This career camp provides excellent opportunities for students to become familiar with the different types of careers that are available to them at our area technology center. As a result of the overwhelming success of this year’s camp, my staff and I are interested in pursuing this type of an activity for next year. It helps students understand the value of school and allows them to explore different career options through discussion and creative hands-on activities.**

**We started each day with a general assembly for the students to begin focusing on careers. We were able to use each of our staff members to provide an overview of a particular career. We also used the interest inventory in the American Careers Magazine. The students enjoyed this activity. One student even asked me if he could have an extra copy. He wanted to take it home because he thought his mother needed a job and this would help point her in the right direction.”**

## Welding

**Instructor: Warren Shelton**

**Activity: Metal Art Flower**

“We have been able to offer something concrete that will make an impact on these students. They are bright, well behaved and interested in the careers we have available at this area technology center,” says Shelton. “This was our first time in offering a summer camp and it was successful. We believe the students learned valuable information through this experience. At the same time, each student was able to make something to take home as a memento of their time spent with us learning about a variety of career opportunities.”

Photo at right: Mr. Shelton gives an overview of safety procedures prior to the actual activity. Cody Martinez (orange shirt) says, “I’ve always wanted to do welding and it’s pretty cool. I like it and am thinking about taking this class in high school.”

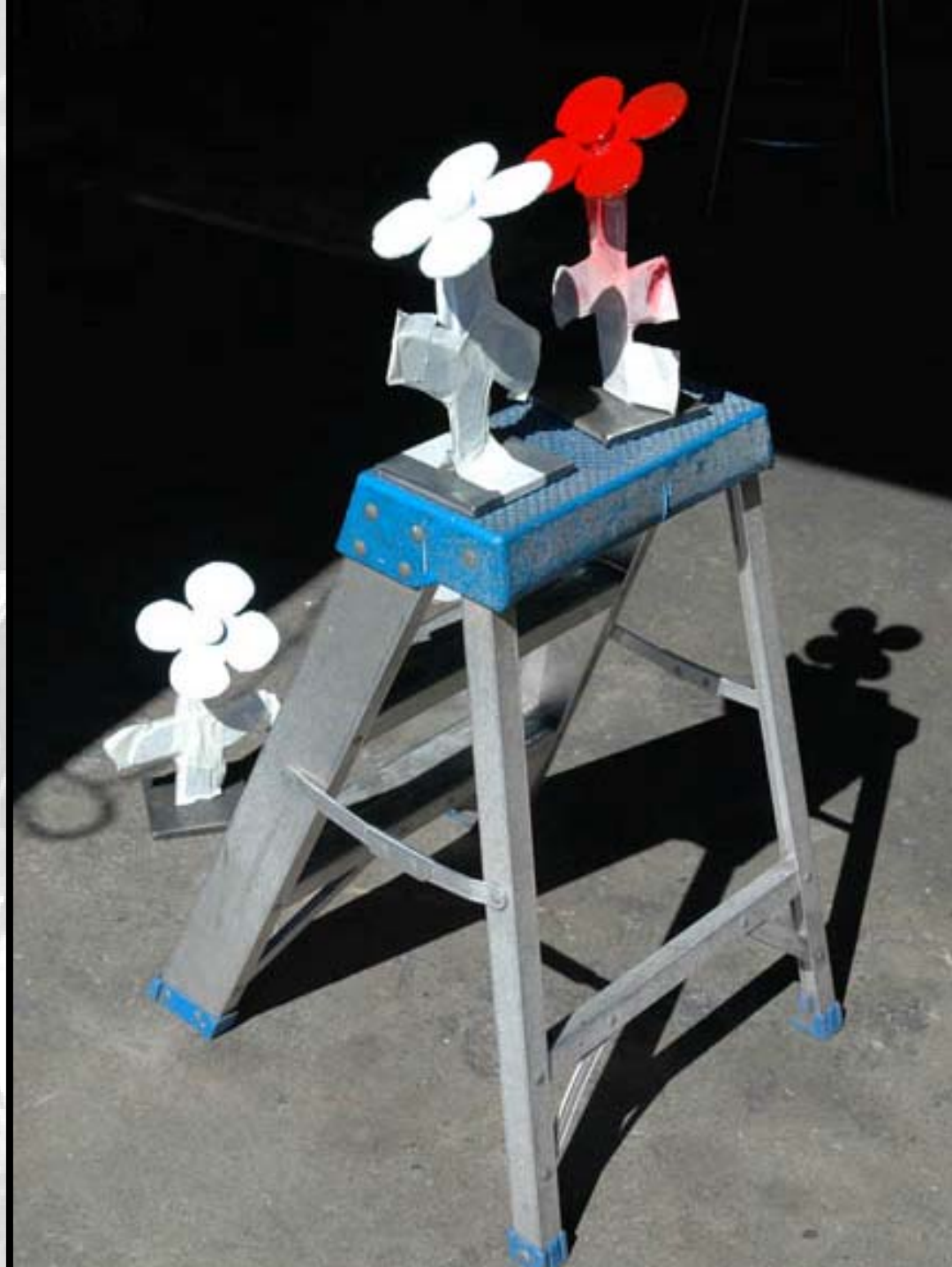
Girl to the right: Stephanie Keaton (who will be going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Whitley Co. HS says, “My family owns a heating, air and electrical company and I wanted to learn some skills in case I ever needed to fall back on em’.”







Photo at right: “Welded Flowers” drying in the sun. Students were provided with an opportunity to learn some basics about how to weld and welding career options. There were four parts to the flower and each student was required to weld the pieces together. Then, they were able to spray paint the completed piece with the color(s) of their choice. This activity was a huge success.



## Technology Education

**Instructor: Don Shupe**

### **Wood Technology Activities:**

- \*tool safety**
- \*display shelf**
- \*miniature baseball bat**

**“This type of career camp is going to break a stereotype of the types of programs offered at the area technology center. You go to school to find out what you don’t want to do and this camp is all about exploring career options to find out what you want to do.” says Shupe.**

**“I think the camp allows students to see what other careers are out there,” says Corbin Middle School Math Instructor Jennifer Phipps. “I like Mr Shupe’s exploratory class during the school year because it allows students to see other careers. I’ve probably learned more this week than some of the kids.”**



**Photo: Students are turning a piece of mahogany into a baseball bat using a lathe in Mr. Shupe’s classroom. Student in grey shirt at back of photo – Randal Shelley, a freshman at Whitley Co. HS, says, “I think it’s cool and I plan to come to this school next year. I have learned a lot.”**

**Brad Hickman (at front), an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Corbin Middle School says, “I believe I have enjoyed this class the best this week.”**



## **Automotive Technology - Instructor: Mark Nantz**

**Activities:**

- \*How cars work**
- \*Basic car care**
- \*Assembling a model**

**Photo: Mr. Nantz gives 9<sup>th</sup> grade Whitley Co. HS Student Erica Baker instruction on changing the oil in a car.**

**“Says Baker, “Since I have come to this camp, I believe I would like to take some courses here. I would like to take automotive technology and welding.”**



“I think this camp provides an avenue for recruitment. It also gives us a chance to go over some of the very basics of our programs,” says Nantz. “My activities included a safety discussion, how to conduct preliminary car checks, a lesson on checking what kinds of fluids are required in what part of the car, and we even put together a plastic model of an engine. I believe the students enjoyed the activities while learning something at the same time.”

Whitley Co. Middle School Career Awareness Instructor Nora Bays was also part of the instructional staff during the camp.

“I think this camp exposes these young students to the many different types of careers. It’s amazing how many students aren’t familiar with the careers because they haven’t had the exposure,” says Bays. “I think the local district needs to have collaborative efforts with the tech school to educate everyone about the benefits of career and technical education. I’ve enjoyed the reaction of the students in these programs this week.”

# Engineering and Computer Aided Drafting – Instructor Darrell Horn

**Activities:** \*3D Home Architech 4.0 – designed a floor plan

\*Create logo for Career Camp and transfer to a T-shirt

\*Discussion of careers in engineering and drafting

“We definitely need to make this camp a little longer next year. The students love it and are disappointed that they only get to come for three days,” says Horn. “We should also expand the camp to include future high school students to give them the opportunity to explore available careers offered at the area technology center.



Above: “This is great. You get to learn amazing stuff,” says Williamsburg Middle School Student Daniel. “I’m glad that I came and I want them to extend it next year.”



Photo above: Mr. Horn discusses logo creation while Gary Thomas (at computer) and Kyle Akers soak up all the information they can. Photo at left: Mr. Horn helps the boys transfer their logo to a T-shirt using a heat press.



# Electrical Technology – Instructor Gary Durham

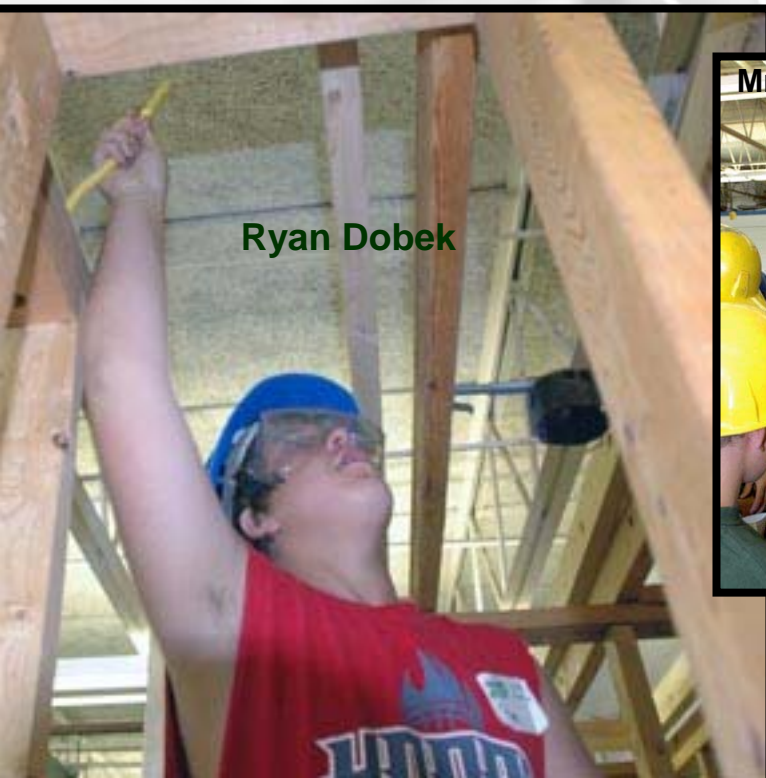
Activities: \*Electronics tone generator kit (noise-maker)

\*How electricity works

“This camp provides each student with an awareness of the training we have available at this school. It gives them an idea to inventory their interest,” says Durham. “The most important point that I teach these kids is to ‘Keep Up With Your Tools.’ That’s real world and one of the main ideas they need to remember.”

“It’s been fun,” says 8<sup>th</sup> grade Whitley Co. Middle School Student R.J. Logan. “We are learning a lot in electricity. I really liked automotive technology too.”

“I’m glad that I came to this camp because it’s pretty cool,” says 8<sup>th</sup> grade Williamsburg Middle School Student Ryan Dobek.”



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